

GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR DIRECTORATE'S ANNIVERSARY MEETING. I HAVE OFTEN TOLD AUDIENCES OF THE BUTTON THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME WHEN I BECAME DIRECTOR. YOU HAVE NO DOUBT SEEN SUCH BUTTONS. MINE READ: "MY JOB IS SO SECRET THAT EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING." IT OCCURRED TO ME AS I PREPARED THIS TALK THAT MANY IN THIS DIRECTORATE MIGHT HAVE A SIMILAR NEED FOR SUCH A BUTTON, FOR YOUR WORK IS COMPLEX, HIGHLY SECRET, AND OFTEN COMPARTMENTED. IT IS ALSO, OF COURSE, ESSENTIAL.

I NEED NOT TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT THE WORK YOU PERFORM IS TO THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION. THE COLLECTION, PROCESSING, ANALYSIS, AND DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE-- AND THE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT YOU PROVIDE-- ARE HIGHLY VALUED THROUGHOUT THE AGENCY AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

I HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN BRIEFED ON THE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DIRECTORATE. AND I HAVE SO FAR

STAT VISITED THE OFFICE OF TECHNICAL SERVICE [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO SEE
SOME OF WHAT THE DIRECTORATE ACCOMPLISHES.¹ ~~I FIND~~ YOUR WORK
ILLEGIB IMPRESSIVE. [REDACTED]

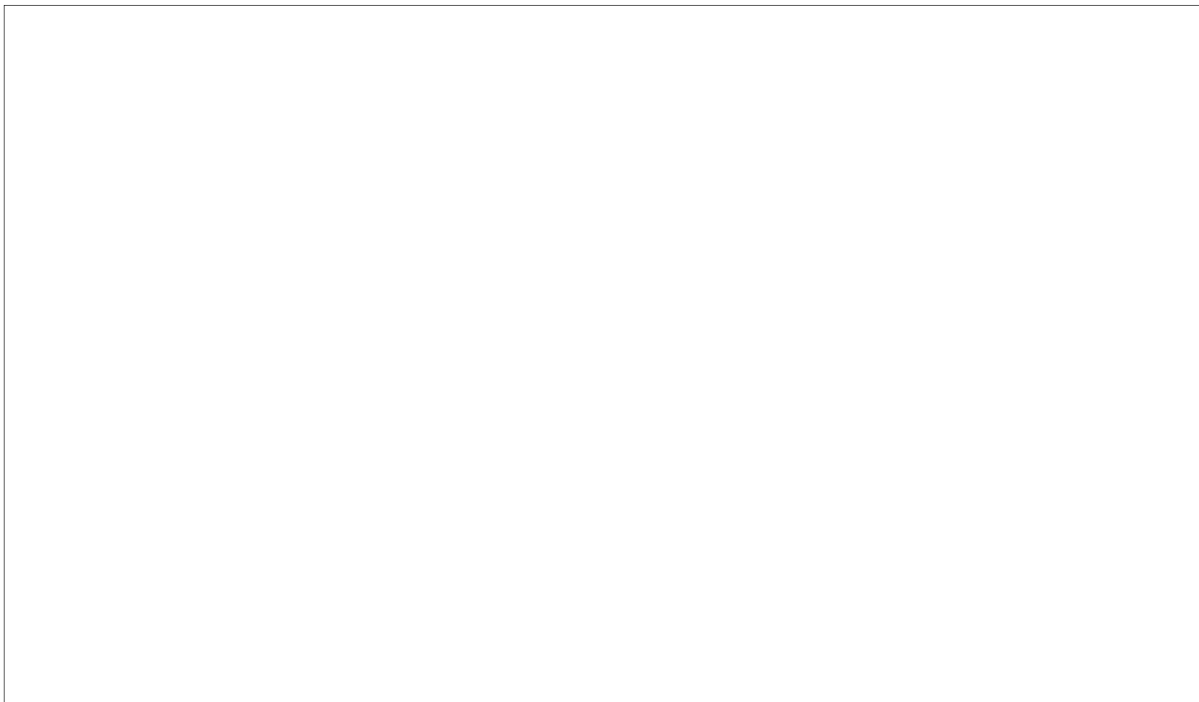
I KNOW OF MANY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THOSE IN THIS
DIRECTORATE. EARLIER THIS MONTH, I PRESENTED AWARDS TO THE ENGINEER
AND THE SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR--I BELIEVE YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT
THAT LATER-- BOTH OF THOSE SELECTED WERE FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.²

AND LAST DECEMBER I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THOSE WHO WERE
PART OF THE FALL CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSE. AS I RECALL, MEMBERS OF
THE CLASS HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A SERIES OF TRIPS--TRIPS TO
STAT [REDACTED] WHAT IMPRESSED
ME, OTHER THAN THE SELECTION OF SITES, WAS THE DIVERSITY OF THE
TALENT GATHERED IN THAT SINGLE CLASS, A DIVERSITY THAT SEEMS TO BE
TYPICAL OF THIS DIRECTORATE.

TODAY IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO REFLECT ON THE SIGNIFICANT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOUR DIVERSE TALENTS HAVE PRODUCED. LIKE YOU,
I depend upon them
I AM PROUD OF THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND LIKE YOU, I LOOK FORWARD
TO HEARING WHAT EVAN HAS TO TELL US.

Footnotes

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² On February 1, 1988, Judge Webster presented the Engineer of the Year Award and the Scientist of the Year Award to two DS&T employees. Evan Hinemen plans to mention these awards in his speech as well.

³ On December 11, 1987, Judge Webster met with the Career Development Course and commented on the trips the class had taken. He also outlined the major issues facing the Agency.

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